State/UT	SC families benefited
10. Madhya Pradesh	1,78,130
11. Maharsahtra	34,251
12. Manipar	179**
13. Orissa	41,299
14. Punjab	21,725
15. Rajasthan	42,919**
16. Sikkim	667
17. Tamil Nadu	72,157**
18. Tripura	2,966
19 Uttar Pradesh	88,821**
20. West Bengal	1,04,890
21. Chandigarh	148
22. Delhi	1,882
23. Goa, Daman and Diu	524
24. Pondicherry	967
TOTAL :	7,88,263

* Data Provisional.

** Families assisted upto September, 1987.

@ Excludes the population of Assam where census could not be conducted owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there. As per 1971 census population of Scheduled Castes in *ASSAM was 9,12,557*.

No Castes were scheduled by the President of India for A & N Islands, Nagaland and Lakshadweep.

Remunerative prices to coconut growers

1372. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the coconut growers get remunerative prices for their produce;

(b) whether the Coconut Development Board is making purchase direct from the producers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government have decided to fix the support price for coconut (copra) on a regular basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.